

## Postdoctoral Program Admissions

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**Briefly describe in narrative form important information to assist potential applicants in assessing their likely fit with your program. This description must be consistent with the program's policies on resident selection and practicum and academic preparation requirements:**

The Psychology Department at the VALBHCS is committed to competency-based training and close supervision in a highly collegial setting. Prior to beginning their postdoctoral experience, Fellows are expected to have a solid grounding in generalist psychology training. The primary goal of the Psychology Postdoctoral Fellowship Program is for our Fellows to develop the full range of skills required for independent functioning as a psychologist in the arenas of clinical assessment and intervention, consultation, supervision and teaching, scholarly inquiry and research, and awareness of and sensitivity to professional, ethical, legal and diversity issues. We have a commitment to the enhancement of diversity within our training programs. A second major goal of our Psychology Postdoctoral Fellowship Program is to prepare fellows to practice in one of the current high-priority areas of mental health care for Veterans, as illustrated by our Emphasis areas. Through professional activities in these areas, Fellows receive training that facilitates their development of the core advanced practice competencies. In addition, Fellows develop a depth of knowledge and advanced skills in working with specific populations and treatment settings (i.e., older adult Veterans, Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury, Veterans with physical and sensory disabilities, and those living with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). For the Postdoctoral Fellowship in Clinical Neuropsychology, high-priority areas include working with Veterans with head injury, mild cognitive impairment, dementia, or other neurological conditions.

**Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:**

All applicants to the Psychology Postdoctoral Fellowship Program at VA Long Beach Healthcare System must have received a doctorate from an APA (American Psychological Association) or CPA (Canadian Psychological Association) accredited graduate program in Clinical, Counseling, or Combined Psychology or PCSAS (Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System) accredited Clinical Science program. Persons with a doctorate in another area of psychology who meet the APA or CPA criteria for respecialization training in Clinical, Counseling, or Combined Psychology are also eligible. The applicant is also expected to have completed an internship program accredited by APA or CPA or have completed a VA-sponsored internship. Additionally, certification of U.S. citizenship and drug screening are required for all VA Postdoctoral Fellows. The federal government requires that male applicants to VA positions born after 1959 sign a Pre-Appointment Certification Statement for Selective Service Registration before they are employed. It is not necessary to submit this form with the application, but if you are selected for this fellowship and fit the above criteria, you will have to sign it. All Fellows will have to complete a Certification of Citizenship in the U.S. prior to beginning the fellowship. Applications from non-citizens will not be considered. The VA conducts drug screening exams on randomly selected trainees and employees. Our training programs are committed to creating a supportive learning environment for individuals of diverse backgrounds, and as a federal agency, we abide by the U.S. Government Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Reasonable Accommodation policies. The Psychology Postdoctoral Fellowship Program follows a policy of selecting the most qualified candidates and is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Our commitment to diversity includes attempting to ensure an appropriate representation of individuals along many dimensions, including (but not limited to) gender, sexual orientation, age, ethnic/racial minorities, and persons with disabilities.

## Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year\*

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Residents	\$52,535 (Year 1) / \$55,375 (Year 2)	
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Residents	N/A	
Program provides access to medical insurance for residents?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>If access to medical insurance is provided:</b>		
Trainee contribution to cost required?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Coverage of family member(s) available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Coverage of legally married partner available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Coverage of domestic partner available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Hours of Annual Paid Personal Time Off (PTO and/or Vacation)	104 hours	
Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave	104 hours	
In the event of medical conditions and/or family needs that require extended leave, does the program allow reasonable unpaid leave to residents in excess of personal time off and sick leave?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Other Benefits (please describe):</p> <p>Authorized Absence (AA) for training may be requested for off-site educational workshops/seminars, conferences, other approved training activities, and license examination. Up to 10 days can be requested by the Fellow throughout the training year. Requests for authorized absence are negotiated on a case-by-case basis between the Fellow, the Director of Postdoctoral Training, Executive Training Committee (ETC), and the Chief Psychologist. Fellows may combine authorized absence with annual leave if they wish.</p>		

\*Note. Programs are not required by the Commission on Accreditation to provide all benefits listed in this table

## Initial Post-Residency Positions

(Provide an Aggregated Tally for the Preceding 3 Cohorts)

	2016-2019	
Total # of residents who were in the 3 cohorts	23	
Total # of residents who remain in training in the residency program	0	
	PD	EP
Community mental health center	0	0
Federally qualified health center	0	0
Independent primary care facility/clinic	0	0
University counseling center	0	0
Veterans Affairs medical center	0	7
Military health center	0	0
Academic health center	0	0
Other medical center or hospital	0	2
Psychiatric hospital	0	0
Academic university/department	0	1
Community college or other teaching setting	0	0
Independent research institution	0	0
Correctional facility	0	0
School district/system	0	0
Independent practice setting	0	7
Not currently employed	0	3
Changed to another field	0	0
Other	0	3
Unknown	0	0

Note: "PD" = Post-doctoral residency position; "EP" = Employed Position. Each individual represented in this table should be counted only one time. For former trainees working in more than one setting, select the setting that represents their primary position.